

Nebraska Sales and Use Tax

General Information 2013

revenue.ne.gov

This PowerPoint handout is used for training purposes in conjunction with the oral presentation given by Departmental training staff.

It is not intended to be a stand-alone document.

It is not an information guide, nor does it carry regulatory or statutory authority.

Nebraska tax statutes, regulations, information guides, and other resources are available at <u>revenue.ne.gov</u>.



What is InternNE.com?

- Premier source of paid internships in Nebraska
- Any business may post paid, quality internships and any student may search for internship opportunities on InternNE.com.

What is the InternNE Grant Program?

 Program providing financial assistance to employers creating new internship opportunities



Visit InternNE.com today!

Contact us at:

ded.InternNE@nebraska.gov

Or 402-471-3368

Stay connected!

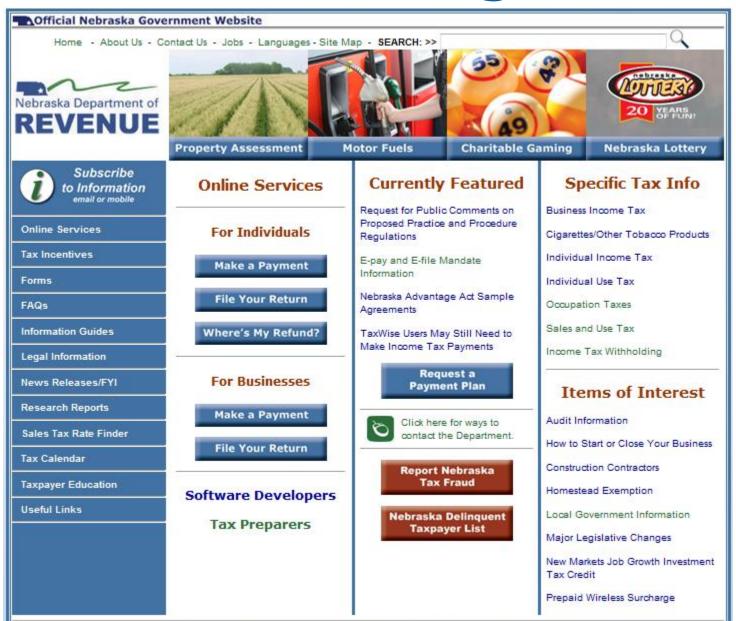
www.facebook.com/InternNE



- Receive notification of changes to our website using the free web-based email subscription system.
- Set up a profile enter your email address, optional password, and select the topics of interest.
- You can change your profile at any time by adding or deleting topics, changing the frequency of email alerts, or changing your email address.
- No special software all you need is a valid email address and an Internet browser!



revenue.ne.gov



General STX 2013 - 6

E-filing and Payment Mandates

The payment threshold is lowered annually.

- July 1, 2013
- July 1, 2014
- July 1, 2015

- \$ 9,000
- \$ 8,000
- \$ 7,000

Any businesses with multiple locations that have been granted permission to file "combined" sales tax returns must e-file.

For more detailed information on e-file and e-pay requirements, see our website.

Today's Agenda

- Nebraska Sales Tax
- Sales Tax is Calculated on Gross Receipts
- Delivery Location and the Local Sales Tax
- Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax
- Nebraska e-pay
- What is Use Tax?
- Other Tax Information

Nebraska Sales Tax

For more information, see the <u>Sales and Use Tax Regulations</u> on our website.

General STX 2013 - 9

Sales tax is...

- ... a transactional tax,
- ... based on the transaction,
- ... rather than the item sold.

Where the item or service is delivered determines the local sales tax rate and to whom the tax is due.

A sale is...

- ... the transfer of title or possession,
- ... of an item or taxable service,
- ... for consideration.

A lease or rental of tangible personal property...

...can be a sale,

...if there is transfer of possession.

Sales tax is due on each lease or rental payment.

All sellers...

- ...are the consumers of anything they use to sell their items and services; and
- ...must pay tax on them.

Example 1: Cash registers

Example 2: Security services

Taxable Services

- Animal specialty services
- Building cleaning
- Computer software training
- Detective services
- Installing/applying tangible personal property
- Motor vehicle towing, washing/waxing, painting
- Pest control services
- Recreational vehicle (RV) park services
- Security services
- Repair labor (with 5 exceptions see slide 58)

For a more complete list of taxable and nontaxable services, see the Nebraska and Local Sales Tax Information Guide on our website.

All service providers...

- ...are the consumers of the taxable items and services used to provide the service; and ...must pay tax on those items or services (even if the charge for the service is also taxable).
 - Example 1: The carwash does not sell soap and wax, but a "car wash."
 - Example 2: A window cleaner is not selling window cleaning solution, but "clean windows."

Collecting Sales Tax

- Collected by the seller as an agent for the State
- Held in trust for the State of Nebraska
- Must have a sales tax permit
- Collection fee

Sales Tax is Calculated on Gross Receipts

Gross receipts...

...means the total amount of a sale or lease for a consideration.

Sales tax is calculated on the gross receipts of the sales transaction.

For more information, see Reg-1-007 – Gross Receipts Defined.

Delivery Location and the Local Sales Tax

The delivery location determines the Local Sales Tax.

- The delivery location is where the purchaser picks up the item or where he/she takes possession of it.
- The local sales tax rate depends on whether the delivery location is inside or outside city limits.
- When delivery is outside Nebraska, contact the other state.

Local Sales Tax Increase

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-27,142

- A municipality, except Omaha, may impose a local sales tax of 1.75% or 2% if the rate increase is approved by at least 70% of the municipality's governing body and by a vote of the voters residing in the municipality.
- For further information, contact Karen Barrett at 402-471-5980.

Sales Tax Rate Finder

Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax

The Bottom Line for Sales Tax

- All sales transactions are presumed taxable.
- Sales tax must be separately stated (with 4 exceptions).

The Bottom Line for Sales Tax

Sellers must collect sales tax or document why they did not.

Documenting Exempt Sales

- Form 13
- Sellers keep completed copies of Form 13.
- A "blanket" form is valid until it is revoked in writing by the purchaser.

Documenting Exempt Sales

Nebraska Resale Certificate Form 13, Section A

- Purchases for resale
- Items that become a component part of a product to be sold

Form 13, Section A

Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption Reset FORM Reset FORM 13					
NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PURCHASER	NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF SELLER				
Name	Name				
Street or Other Mailing Address	Street or Other Mailing Address				
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code				
Check Type of Certificate Single Purchase Blanket If blanket is checked, this certificate is valid until revoked in writing by the purchaser. I hereby certify that the purchase, lease, or rental by the above purchaser is exempt from the Nebraska sales tax for the following reason: Check One Purchase for Resale (Complete Section A) Exempt Purchase (Complete Section B) Contractor (Complete Section C)					
SECTION A — Nebraska Resale Certificate					
I hereby certify that the purchase, lease, or rental of from the above seller is exempt from the Nebraska sales tax as a purchase for resale, rental, or lease in the normal course of our business, either in the form or condition in which purchased, or as an ingredient or component part of other property to be resold. I further certify that we are engaged in business as a: Wholesaler Retailer Manufacturer Lessor of Description of Product Sold, Leased, or Rented					
and hold Nebraska Sales Tax Permit Number 01-					
or Foreign State Sales Tax Number	State				

General STX 2013 - 25

Nebraska Exempt Sale Certificate Form 13, Section B

- Specific governmental units
 - Governmental Entities Information guide
 - Reg-1-012C Entity-based exemptions
- Certain exempt organizations
 - Nonprofits Information guide
 - Nonprofits PowerPoint slides
 - Reg-1-090 Nonprofit organizations
 - Reg-1-091 Religious organizations
 - Reg-1-092 Educational institutions

Form 13, Section B

- Qualified manufacturing machinery and equipment (MME)
 - MME Information guide
 - MME PowerPoint slides
 - Reg-1-107 MME Exemption
- Vehicles and parts for vehicles used by a common or contract carrier
 - Common or Contract Carrier Information guide
 - Reg-1-069 Common & Contract Carriers

Form 13, Section B

- Qualified commercial agricultural machinery and equipment (ag exemption)
 - Ag Information guide
 - Agri-business PowerPoint slides
 - Reg-1-094 Ag machinery & equipment refund
- Occasional sales (This exemption is very limited in scope!)
 - Reg-1-022 Occasional sales

Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax (continued)

Form 13, Section B

Nebraska Department of REVENUE	FORM 13					
NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PURCHASER NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF SELLER			SELLER			
Name		Name		_		
Street or Other Mailing Add	ress	Street or Other Ma	Street or Other Mailing Address			
City	State Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code		
Check Type of Certificate						
	le Purchase Blanket If blanket is chec	ked, this certificate	is valid until revoked in writing by the	purchaser.		
	<u> </u>			•		
I hereby certify that the purchase, lease, or rental by the above purchaser is exempt from the Nebraska sales tax for the following reason: Check One Purchase for Resale (Complete Section A) Exempt Purchase (Complete Section B) Contractor (Complete Section C)						
SECTION B—Nebraska Exempt Sale Certificate						
The basis for this exemption is exemption category (Insert appropriate category as described on reverse of this form.)						
If exemption category 2 or 5 is claimed, enter the following information:						
•	Description of Item(s) Purchased Intended Use of Item(s) Purchased					
If exemption categories 3 or 4 are claimed, enter the Nebraska Exemption Certificate number. 05- If exemption category 6 is claimed, seller must enter the following information and sign this form below:						
Description of Item(s) Sold Date of Seller's Original Purchase Was Tax Paid when Purchased by Seller? Was Item Depreciable? YES NO						

Form 13, Section C – For Contractors Only

Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption REVENUE Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption RESET FORM					
NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS O	F PURCHASER	NAME AND M	AILING ADDRESS OF S	ELLER	
Name		Name			
Street or Other Mailing Address	Street or Other Mailing Address				
City State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code	
Check Type of Certificate					
Single Purchase E	slanket If blanket is checked	d, this certificate is valid until 1	evoked in writing by the	purchaser.	
I hereby certify that the purchase, lease, or rental by the above purchaser is exempt from the Nebraska sales tax for the following reason:					
Check One Purchase for Resale (Complete Section A) Exempt Purchase (Complete Section B) Contractor (Complete Section C)					
	SECTION C—For	r Contractors Only			
1. Purchases of Building Materials or Fixtures:					
As an Option 1 or Option 3 contractor, I hereby certify that purchases of building materials and fixtures from the above seller are exempt from Nebraska sales tax. My Nebraska Sales or Consumer's Use Tax Permit Number is: 01-					
2. Purchases Made Under Purchasing Agent Appointment on behalf of:					
Pursuant to an attached Purchasing Agent Appointment and Delegation of Authority for Sales and Use Tax, Form 17, I hereby certify that purchases of building materials, and fixtures are exempt from Nebraska sales tax.					

There is a seminar just for <u>contractors</u>! Check the schedule to attend a class, request that we set a date to work with you directly, or check out the presentation using the link above!

Form 13CCE

2
Nebraska Department of
REVENUE

Exemption Permit Application

FORM

	or Use of Credit	or Debit Car	rds by Sales	s Tax Exempt E	ntities	13CCE
Nebraska ID Number (if applicable)						
NAME AND LOCATION ADDRESS				NAME AND MA	ILING ADDRESS	5
ame			Name			
egal Name						
treet Address			Street or Other M	Agling Address		
act ridules			Circle or Calci w	aurig Audicoo		
ity S	tate	Zip Code	City	State		Zlp Code
		CREDIT OR DEBIT	CARD INFORMA	ATION		
Name and address of bank issuin		OHEDH OH DEDI	OATIO IIII OTIIII			
	g and dream or debit data.					
Last four digits of the card. (If the	exempt governmental entity of	r exempt organization	has more than one of	credit or debit card account	, a separate applica	tion is required for
each credit or debit card.)						
		DOCUMENTA	ITION REQUIRED)		
Attach all of the following:						
 Copy of the billing statem 	ent:					
-						
 Copy of the credit or debit 	card; and					
 Copy of a payment made 	to the Issuing bank.					
		ADDITIONAL BIL	LING INFORMAT	TON		
Will any person other than the sai debit cards identified on this appli					ard for any purchase	s made using the credi
YES NO If	res, please explain					
Under penalties	of law, I declare that I have ex	xamined this application	on, and to the best of	my knowledge and belief.	It is correct and corr	nolete.
_			,	,		
sign				,	1	
			Dete	Tolon)	
	Partner, Member, Corporate O	fficer, or Other Person	Date	ielep	hone Number	
Authorized by Attache	d Power of Allomey					
Title		Email Address				
Tille		Elliali Address				
	FOR NEB	BRASKA DEPARTA	MENT OF REVEN	UE USE ONLY		
		MIENTO.				
APPROVED	COM	MMENTS:				
DISAPPROVED						
_	L					
Exemption Code:	Aut	horized Signature				Date

General STX 2013 - 31

13CCE, Exemption Permit

Nebraska Department of	Exempti	on Permit Fo	or Use o	of Credit o	r Debit Cards
NAME AND LOCATION ADDRESS				NAME AND MA	ILING ADDRESS
Name			Name		
Street Address			Street or Other N	failing Address	
City	State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code
		CREDIT OR DEBIT	CARD IDENTIFIC	ATION	
Issuing Bank		Type o	Type of Credit or Debit Card Last Four Digits of t		Last Four Digits of the Credit or Debit Card
Effective Date of Exemption Permit Exp		Expira	Expiration Date of the Exemption Permit (Expiration date of the credit or debit card)*		
	billed to, and paid b	umentation that the c y, the sales tax exen te sales and lodging to	redit or debit npt governme	ntal entity or sal	ove is directly es tax exempt

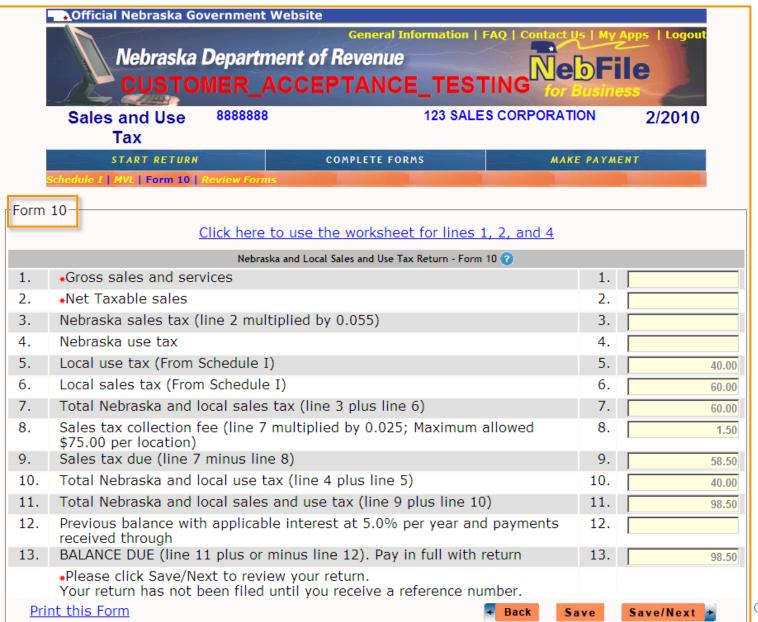
- Complete a Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate, Form 13, section B;
- Attach a copy of this Exemption Permit to the Form 13; and
- Issue both documents to the seller at the time of purchase.

card, the exempt governmental entity or exempt organization must:

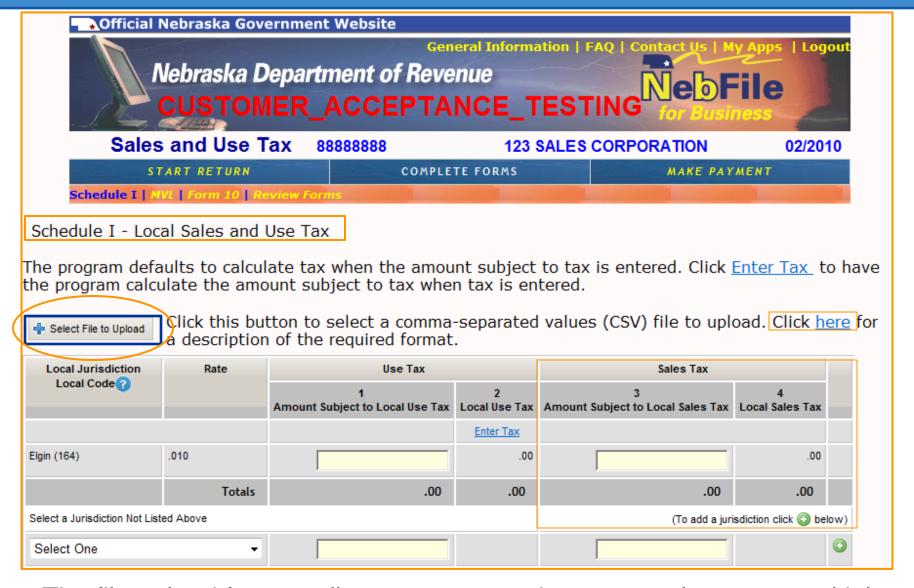
Reporting Sales Tax

- E-file a Form 10.
- For e-file instructions, please go to the Department's <u>website</u>.
- A return must be filed even if there are no sales to report.

Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax (continued)

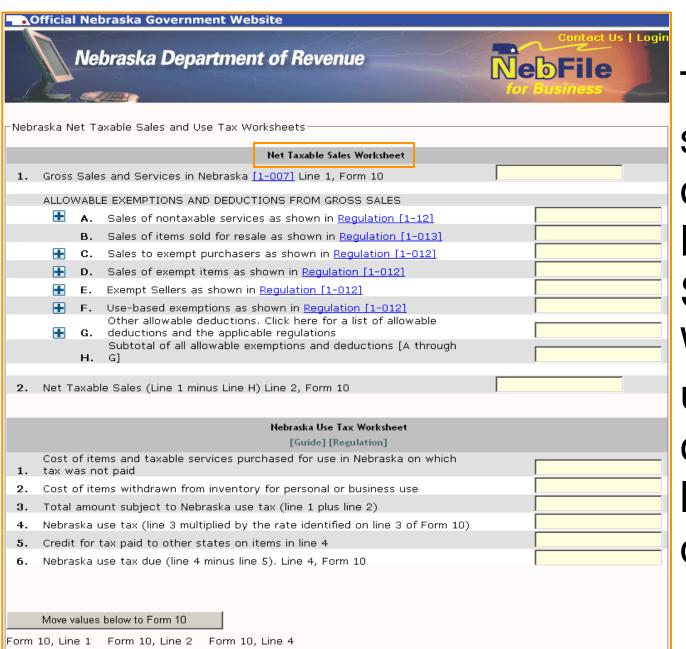


General STX 2013 - 34



- The file upload feature allows taxpayers who report sales tax to multiple tax jurisdictions to upload a comma-separated values (CSV) file.
- There is no requirement to use this feature. It is simply a convenience some filers may choose. See "Click here" for more information.

Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax (continued)



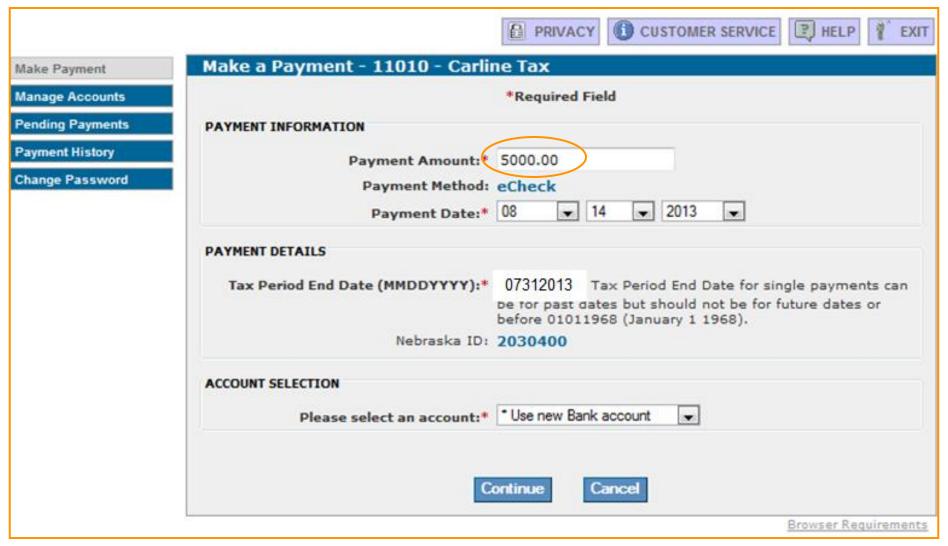
This screen shows the optional **Net Taxable** Sales Worksheet used to help calculate lines 1 and 2 on Form 10.

> General STX 2013 - 36

Nebraska e-pay

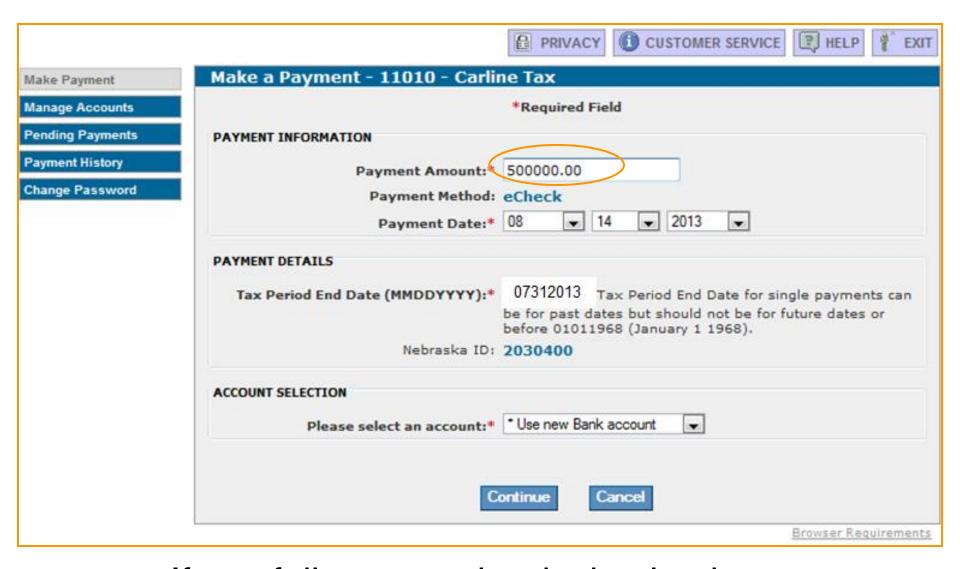


Nebraska e-pay (continued)



When setting up a payment in e-pay, be sure to enter the correct payment amount with the decimal point.

Nebraska e-pay (continued)



If you fail to enter the decimal point.... the \$5,000 payment will become \$500,000!

What is Use Tax?

For more information, see Reg-1-002 – Use Tax.

General STX 2013 - 41

What is Use Tax?

- Use tax is due when Nebraska sales tax has not been paid on a taxable item or service purchased for use in Nebraska.
- Sales and use tax are not both due on the same transaction.
- The big difference is who remits the tax -
 - Sales tax is collected and remitted by the seller.
 - Use tax is paid directly to the Department by the purchaser/consumer.

Use Tax and Sales Tax Have These Things in Common –

- They are imposed on the same transactions.
- They have the same exemptions.
- They are calculated at the same rate.
 - Where delivery occurs or
 - Where first usage in Nebraska takes place.

When Use Tax is Due

- Use tax is often due when purchases are made from an out-of-state seller
 - o Internet, catalog, mail order
 - Magazines and journals by subscription
- Use tax is due when the business withdraws tax-free inventory for business or personal use (including donations)
 - Auto mechanic
 - Hair salon

Note: Be sure to maintain good records!

Reporting Use Tax

- Businesses report use tax on:
 - o <u>Form 10</u>; or
 - o <u>Form 2</u>.
- Individuals report use tax on:
 - o <u>Form 3</u>;
 - Form 1040N; or
 - Form 2 (only if claiming credit for tax paid to another state).

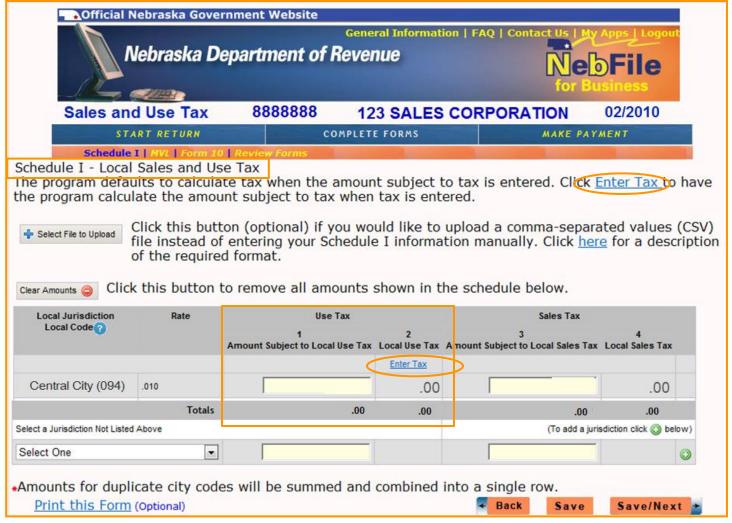
Note: Do not use Form 1040XN to make changes to individual use tax filings.

Businesses that hold a Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Permit, must use Form 10.

Official Nebraska Government Website											
		Ne	braska Department of Revenue	Contact Us Login							
Nebraska Net Taxable Sales and Use Tax Worksheets											
Net Taxable Sales Worksheet											
1.	. Gross Sales and Services in Nebraska [1-007] Line 1, Form 10										
	ALLOWABLE EXEMPTIONS AND DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS SALES										
	+	Α.	Sales of nontaxable services as shown in Regulation [1-12]								
		в.	Sales of items sold for resale as shown in Regulation [1-013]								
	+	c.	Sales to exempt purchasers as shown in Regulation [1-012]								
	+	D.	Sales of exempt items as shown in Regulation [1-012]								
	+	E.	Exempt Sellers as shown in Regulation [1-012]								
	+	F. G. H.	Use-based exemptions as shown in Regulation [1-012] Other allowable deductions. Click here for a list of allowable deductions and the applicable regulations Subtotal of all allowable exemptions and deductions [A through G]								
2.	Net T	⁻ axab	le Sales (Line 1 minus Line H) Line 2, Form 10 Nebraska Use Tax Worksheet								
1.			ems and taxable services purchased for use in Nebraska on which								
2.	Cost	of ite	ms withdrawn from inventory for personal or business use								
3.	Total	amo	unt subject to Nebraska use tax (line 1 plus line 2)								
4.	Nebra	aska (use tax (line 3 multiplied by the rate identified on line 3 of Form 10)								
5.	Credit	t for	tax paid to other states on items in line 4								
6.	Nebra	aska (use tax due (line 4 minus line 5). Line 4, Form 10								
	Move values below to Form 10										
Form 10, Line 1 Form 10, Line 2 Form 10, Line 4											

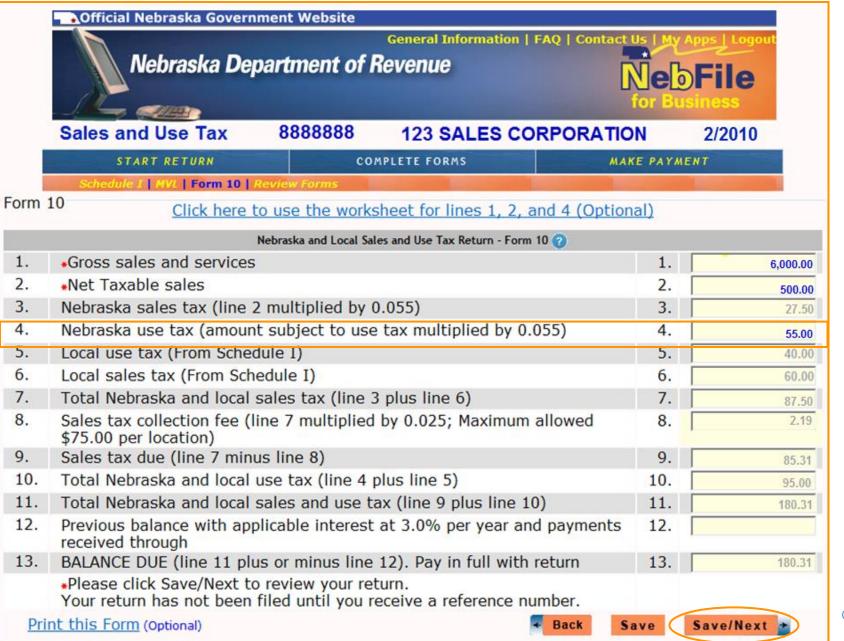
This screen shows the optional Nebraska Use Tax Worksheet used to help calculate line 4 on Form 10.

Use Tax (continued)



- On Schedule I, local jurisdictions reported within the last 12 months will be shown.
- The program defaults to enter the "Amount Subject to Tax."
 Click on the blue "Enter Tax" link to enter the amount of tax.

Use Tax (continued)



General STX 2013 - 49

THIS RETURN IS DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 25TH DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE TAX PERIOD INDICATED ABOVE.

www.revenue.ne.gov, (800) 742-7474 (NE and IA), (402) 471-5729

Mail this return and payment to: NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, PO BOX 98923, LINCOLN, NE 68509-8923.

Use Tax (continued)

Businesses use Form 2 if they do not hold a sales tax permit.

General STX 2013 - 50

6-158-1974 Rev. 3-2011 Supersedes 6-158-1974 Rev. 5-2009

6-090-1990 Rev. 3-2011 Supersedes 6-090-1990 Rev. 3-2009

Use Tax (continued)

Individuals use <u>Form 3</u>.

General STX 2013 - 51

Use Tax (continued)

Nebraska Department of REVENUE		Nebraska Individual Income for the taxable year January 1, 2012 through December 31, , 2012 through					FORM 10 2012		
_	Your First Name and Initial		Last Name		PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN TI	HIS S	PACE		
or Prin	If a Joint Return, Spouse's First Name and Initial		Last Name						
easeType	Current Mailing Address (Number and Street or PO Box)								
P	City		State	Zip Code					
·									
37	TOTAL TAX AND	PENALTY. Add lines	27 and 36			37		00	
38	Use tax due on li								
	Enter purchases subject to tax 92 \$;								

Individuals can use the Form 1040N to report and pay use tax!

Summary of Sales Tax

- Nebraska Sales Tax
- Sales Tax is Calculated on Gross Receipts
- Delivery Location and the Local Sales Tax
- Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax
- Nebraska e-pay
- What is Use Tax?

Other Tax Information

Other Tax Information

- Labor Charges Associated with Personal Property (<u>Reg-1-082</u>)
- Gross Receipts (<u>Reg-1-007</u>)
- Prepaid Wireless Surcharge (<u>Department Web Page</u>)
- Containers (<u>Reg-1-043</u>)
- Software and Digital Goods and Services (<u>Reg-1-088</u>)
- Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment (MME) (<u>Reg-1-107</u>)
- Agricultural Machinery and Equipment (<u>Reg-1-094</u>)
- Certificate of Clearance (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2707)
- Why Would We Audit You? (<u>Department Web Page</u>)
- Records (<u>Reg-1-008</u>)
- Graffiti Cleanup of Real Property (<u>Reg-1-098</u>)

Labor Charges Associated with Personal Property

- Taxable
 - Production and assembly labor
 - Installation and repair labor when the item is taxable
- Exempt
 - Installation labor when the item is exempt
 - Repair labor (see the next slide)

Exempt Repair Labor Charges

- Licensable motor vehicle
- Agricultural machinery and equipment used in commercial agriculture
- Qualifying prosthetic devices and durable medical equipment (Form 13 required)
- Mobility-enhancing equipment (Form 13ME required)
- Qualified MME (Form 13 required)

Gross Receipts

Four exceptions to separately stating sales tax:

- Admissions
- Alcohol by-the-drink
- Concessions
- Vending machines

For more information, see <u>Reg-1-007</u> – Gross Receipts Defined.

Example:

You charge your customer \$10 for a pitcher of beer in a city with a 1.5% local sales tax.

The customer's bill would show:
Pitcher of beer \$10

To determine gross receipts and the amount of sales tax:

- Divide \$10 by 1.07 (1 plus the total state and local sales tax rate). The gross receipts is \$9.35.
- Subtract \$9.35 from \$10 to get \$0.65, which is the tax.

```
Gross receipts (sales price) =$9.35
State and local sales tax = $0.65
```

Delivery Charges

Delivery charges are taxable when:

- the buyer pays the seller for the delivery charge and
- the transaction is taxable.

Delivery charges are taxable regardless of the method of delivery.

Delivery Charges

If you owe use tax on a purchase, you also owe use tax on any delivery charge paid to the seller as part of that purchase.

Tips and Gratuities

- Discretionary (nontaxable)
- Mandatory (taxable)

Prepaid Wireless Surcharge

Example:

Sale of a prepaid mobile phone with 500 minutes of prepaid wireless service

Phone	\$50.00
Prepaid wireless surcharge (\$50 X 1.1%)	.55
Sales tax (\$50 X 7%)	+3.50
Total	\$54.05

For more information, see <u>Department Web Page</u>.

Containers

There are two types:

- Returnable
 - Taxable to the person who will place contents into them.
- Nonreturnable
 - Nontaxable when the person will fill the container and sell the contents with the container.

Software and Digital Goods & Services

Taxable Examples

Software/software installation

- Tangible medium
- Internet transferred software
- Software training/re-training by the seller
- Maintenance agreements with updates

Digital goods

- Electronic books and book clubs
- Downloading songs & ringtones
- Movies, music videos, & TV shows

Services

 Virus protection software, monitoring services, security services, and testing

Software and Digital Goods & Services

Nontaxable Examples

Software/software installation

- Cloud computing
- Accessing web-based applications (no code necessary)
- Access codes for online subscription services

Digital goods

- Web design without license transfer
- Electronically-transferred photographs

Services

Help desk without updates

For more information, see <u>Reg-1-088 – Software</u> and the <u>Computer Software</u> information guide.

Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment (MME) is Exempt:

- If more of the manufacturer's total annual revenue is from sales of tangible personal property it manufactures than from any other business activity, and
- The machinery and equipment is used more than 50% of the time in manufacturing.

MME Includes Machinery or Equipment Used for

- Producing, fabricating, assembling, processing, molding, shaping, finishing, refining, or packaging tangible personal property
- Transporting, conveying, handling, or storing the manufactured goods or raw materials
- Maintaining the integrity of the products or unique environmental conditions for the products or MME itself

MME Includes...

- Testing or measuring the product, the manufacturing process, or the quality of the finished products
- Computers, software, and peripheral equipment used to guide, control, operate, or measure the manufacturing process
 - o Example:

Software used to direct robotic assembly line equipment to move the product down the line.

MME Includes...

- Self-constructed equipment
- Replacement parts
- Repair labor charges

MME Does Not Include...

- Licensable motor vehicles
- Tools powered by hand
- Security equipment
- Safety apparel
- Office equipment
- Repair shop equipment
- Most cleaning equipment
- Equipment used for research and development

Agricultural Machinery and Equipment

Purchases are exempt if three criteria are met:

- The item is used directly in commercial agriculture;
- The item meets the definition of ag equipment; and
- The purchaser properly completes a <u>Form 13</u>, Section B.

For more information, see <u>Reg-1-094</u> – Ag Machine and Equipment.

Commercial Ag includes:

- Producing food products or other useful and valuable crops; or
- Raising or caring for animals.

Note: The crops or animals can either be sold or used by the farmer/rancher to produce other products for sale.

Commercial Ag Also Includes:

- Feedlots
- Greenhouses
- Nurseries
- Sod farms
- Tree farms

Ag Equipment Does Not Include:

- Real estate
- Licensable motor vehicles
- Equipment used in processing at a commercial facility
- Well drilling equipment
- Office equipment
- Replacement parts

Ag Repair and Replacement Parts

- The purchaser may apply for a refund of the tax if:
 - the repair parts are depreciable; and
 - the property repaired is qualified ag equipment.
- To obtain a refund, file a Form 7AG-1 within 3 years of the date of purchase.

Purchasing a Business = Buying a Liability?

The buyer can be held liable for taxes due by the previous owner up to the amount of the purchase price, even if a lien has not been recorded.

Protect yourself!

Certificate of Clearance:

- Buyer or seller requests and receives the certificate in writing.
- If buyer makes request, seller must sign the form.
- Request the certificate by filing a Form 36, Tax Clearance Application.
- Form 36 should be filed at least 15 days prior to closing.

The Department will:

 Advice whether or not buyer should withhold funds from the purchase amount, including any assumed debt, to cover outstanding tax liability.

Just a Few More Things...

Why Would We Audit You?

- Audit of another taxpayer
- Department staff experiences
- Referrals from outside sources
 - Media
 - Tip line
 - Other government agencies
- Data mining
 - Comparisons with other companies
 - Trends, patterns, and relationships
 - Industry standards
- Follow-up audits

Records

- Every seller is required to keep records.
 - Documents
 - List of items or services consumed in the business
 - Normal books of account
 - Receipts showing taxes paid
 - Resale and exempt sale certificates
 - Schedules
 - Working papers used in preparing tax returns

We recommend you retain records for 5 years after a return is filed.

Failure to Keep Records Could Lead to:

- Tax assessments
- License suspension
- License revocation

For more information, see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2705(6)(a)(ii)

Graffiti Cleanup of Real Property

Taxable? It depends.

If the graffiti is on a building, the cleanup is taxable

- Residential building
- Commercial building

If the graffiti is on a structure annexed to real property (not a building), the cleanup is not taxable

- Fence
- Water tower



Let us know what you think. Please turn in your evaluation!

Thank you!

<u>revenue.ne.gov</u>